

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

November 10, 2021

The Finance Committee of the Burke County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the Training Room. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Lucious Abrams. Commissioners Nix and Lively were in attendance. Merv Waldrop, County Manager, Adam Flakes, Assistant County Manager were also in attendance.

First item of discussion were the bids for Inmate Food Service. Bids provided were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Trinity Service Group	\$1.921 / plate	X 3 meals / day
Kellwell Food Management	\$1.847 / plate	X 3 meals / day

Austin Miettunen, Sheriff's Office, stated there are currently 110 inmates and recommends Kellwell as they are currently providing meals. Commissioner Nix motioned to accept the Kellwell Food Management bid and Commissioner Lively seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Bids for the concrete walkway at the Recreation Department were then discussed as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Red Cap Industries, LLC	\$ 56,200
Quality Plus Services	\$ 93,530
Contract Management Inc	\$ 133,713
Delta Enterprises LLC	\$50,400
Horizon Construction & Assoc.	\$ 65,000

Manager Waldrop stated the Delta Enterprises, LLC bid was low bid and under budgeted amount. He informed the Committee the Recreation Department has recommended accepting the Delta bid. Commissioner Nix motioned to accept the Delta Enterprise bid and Commissioner Lively seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Bids for the Ballfield Lighting on McKinney Field were then discussed. Submitted bids were:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Middle GA Outdoor Lighting	\$ 118,345
Techline Sports Lighting	\$ 169,000

Manager Waldrop stated the low bid from Middle GA Outdoor Lighting meets spec, is under budgeted amount, and the Recreation Department has recommended accepting the bid. Commissioner Lively

motioned to accept the bid from Middle GA Outdoor Lighting and Commissioner Nix seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The bids for two 2000-gallon Tanker trucks were then discussed. Bids were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Fireline Inc	\$ 599,930 (for both)
Ten-8 Fire & Safety	\$ 667,000 (for both)

Chief Mathews the bid from Fireline, Inc. meets spec and recommends this bid. Commissioner Nix motioned to accept the bid from Fireline, Inc. and Commissioner Lively seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bids for two 1250-gallon per minute Class A Pumper trucks were discussed as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Fireline Inc	\$ 623,078 (for both)
Ten-8 Fire & Safety	\$ 655,600 (for both)

Chief Mathews stated the bid from Fireline, Inc. meets spec and recommends this bid. Commissioner Nix motioned to accept the Fireline, Inc. bid with Commissioner Lively seconding. Motion passed 3-0. Manager Waldrop stated both bids from Fireline, Inc. for the 2000-gal Tanker truck and the Pumper trucks were under budgeted amounts.

Bids for Employee Footwear were then discussed. Submitted bids were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Vulcan Safety Shoes	\$125
Salter Supply	\$125
Shoes for Crews	\$125

Dale Gingery, Vehicle Maintenance, recommended the bid from Vulcan as the County has been pleased with their provided services. Mr. Gingery stated it appears the products supplied by Shoes for Crews are more tennis shoe varieties. Mr. Gingery also stated his concern with Salter Building was he did not believe they had a boot truck for on site outfitting of employees. Commissioner Lively stated he believed they did have a mobile trailer for outfitting and would prefer to keep the business local. The Committee continued to discuss volume and options provided by Salter Building. The Committee tabled this item until contact can be made with Salter Supply to ensure they will be able to accommodate. Manager Waldrop stated the bid amount is within the threshold amount to issue a Purchase Order without the matter coming back in front of the Committee once a final decision was made.

The bid award for the Tractor with bush cutter & boom was tabled until further research can be completed.

Bids for three Tandem Dump trucks were then discussed as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Freightliner of Augusta	\$ 112,368 / each
Rush Truck Center	\$ 145,107 / each

Jesse Burke stated the bid from Freightliner of Augusta met spec and recommends the bid. Commissioner Lively motioned to accept the bid from Freightliner of Augusta with Commissioner Nix seconding. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Burke stated they currently have several non-functioning dump trucks ready to go to auction.

The bids for a No till Seeder were discussed as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Blanchard Equipment	\$ 15,500
Burke Truck & Tractor	\$ 13,235
Technologies International	\$ 18,950

Dale Gingery stated the low bid from Burke Truck & Tractor met spec. Commissioner Nix motioned to accept the Burke Truck & Tractor bid and Commissioner Lively seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Bids for a Hydro-Seeder were then discussed as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Flint Equipment Company	\$ 31,195
Technologies International	\$ 36,950

Dale Gingery stated the bid from Flint Equipment met spec. Commissioner Lively motioned to accept the bid from Flint Equipment Company and Commissioner Nix seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Bids for a Disc Harrow were discussed as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
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Blanchard Equipment	\$ 13,750
Burke Truck & Tractor	\$ 13,465
Technologies International	\$ 20,450

Dale Gingery stated bid from Burke Truck & Tractor met spec. Commissioner Nix motioned to accept the bid from Burke Truck & Tractor and Commissioner Lively seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Next, bids for four 4x4 Pickup trucks were discussed as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	TOTAL FOR 4
Wade Ford	\$37,028 ea	\$ 148, 112
Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln	\$33,765 ea	\$ 135,060
Metter Ford	\$33,363.60 ea	\$ 133,454

Dale Gingery stated the bid from Metter Ford met spec. Commissioner Lively motioned to accept the bid from Metter Ford and Commissioner Nix seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Bids for a Single Axle Dump truck were then discussed as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Freightliner of Augusta	\$ 99,302
Rush Truck Center	\$ 116,265

Dale Gingery stated the bid from Freightliner of Augusta met spec. Commissioner Nix motioned to accept the Freightliner bid with Commissioner Lively seconding. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion was held on the bids for a Front Loader Garbage Truck. Bids were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Environmental Products Group	\$ 265,000
Vanguard Truck Center	\$ 277,435 / \$ 293,252
Wastebuilt	\$ 275,569 / \$ 281,400
Solid Waste Applied Technologies	\$ 279,000 / \$ 263,990
Carolina Environmental Systems	\$ 304,586 / \$ 286,367

Dale Gingery stated he recommended the \$286,367 bid from Carolina Environmental Systems due to it being a Mack truck with a heil body. He stated the County already possess parts and there is a local dealer. There were lower Mack truck bids provided, however the body is unfamiliar, and his concern is with part availability. Manager Waldrop stated the bid from Vanguard opened in the regular Commissioner's meeting was \$126,500 however Mr. Gingery stated that was only for the body of the

truck. Commissioner Nix motioned to accept the recommended bid from Carolina Environmental Systems for \$286,367 with Commissioner Nix seconding. Motion passed 3-0.

Bids for 40 Eight Yard Dumpsters were discussed as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
WasteQuip	\$ 75,456.10
Lewis Steel Works	\$ 55,000

Dale Gingery stated the bid from Lewis Steel Works met spec. Commissioner Lively motioned to accept the bid from Lewis Steel Works and Commissioner Nix seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The bid award for paper product and liners was tabled.

The Committee then needed to approve the issuance of Purchase Orders for garbage disposal costs for FY22. The PO's would be for Augusta-Richmond County Environmental Services Department in the amount of \$560,000 and Waste Management in the amount of \$340,500. There is currently a contract in place with Augusta-Richmond County. The contract with Waste Management would be a new contract but the price remains the same. Commissioner Nix motioned to approve the issuance of Purchase Order for Augusta Richmond County with Commissioner Lively seconding. Motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Nix then motioned to approve the issuance of the Purchase Order for Waste Management with Commissioner Lively seconding. Motion passed 3-0.

The Committee then considered a budget amendment for cost allocations for facility and vehicle maintenance costs. Commissioner Nix motioned to approve the budget amendment with Commissioner Lively seconding. Motion passed 3-0.

The Committee discussed a budget amendment for prior year vehicle purchase expenses. Michael Wiseman, Finance Director, stated the purchase orders were for large equipment / vehicle purchases that had been approved but not yet received and the purchase orders have been closed. The amendment would bring these unspent funds into FY22. Commissioner Lively motioned to approve the budget amendment for the prior year encumbrances and Commissioner Nix seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Committee then reviewed several Authority to Pays for FY21 for items that had been purchased without receiving Purchase Orders. Discussion was had between the Committee, Chief Webster, and Austin Miettunen regarding the fuel card bill increase, suggested options for the Sheriff's Office to curb fuel costs, and the process to have a blanket purchase order issued for tire purchases.

Manager Waldrop then discussed the payment of attorney's fees from Sheriff's Office litigation and informed the Committee they could hold off on payment of invoice or pay the hours billed at the reduced cost of \$165 / hour. Commissioner Nix motioned to pay the invoice at the reduced amount of \$165 for hours listed. Commissioner Lively stated he would not second, however Commissioner Abrams voted in favor. Motion passed 2-1. All Authority to Pays were approved and signed.

The Committee reviewed and signed the warrant reports for October 2021. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Lucious Abrams, Committee Chairman

Q. U. "Art" Lively, Commissioner

R. Tommy Nix, Commissioner

Merv Waldrop, County Manager